



NOTICE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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TO: Distribution

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Decision Makers Regarding the Undergrounding of Utility
Service Runs as a Condition for Proposed Subdivisions

Effective December 1, 2005, all draft resolutions for tentative maps and map waivers will include the staff recommendation that any existing overhead service runs of utilities be undergrounded to the satisfaction of the City Engineer as a condition for subdividing. The placing of this condition on proposed subdivisions will facilitate the City's schedule for the undergrounding of existing overhead utilities by ensuring the timely undergrounding of utility service runs on multifamily developments. The failure of property owners to timely underground service runs of utilities on multifamily developments has posed cost and scheduling impacts to the City's Underground Conversion Program.

Notwithstanding the staff recommendation for the requirement to underground the service runs, the relevant decision maker (the Hearing Officer or the Planning Commission) retains the authority to require all undergrounding, including utilities in the abutting right-of-way, as a condition for a proposed subdivision in accordance with Municipal Code Section 144.0240, Utilities Requirements for Tentative Maps. The decision maker also retains the discretion to waive some or all of the undergrounding requirements in accordance with the provisions of City Council Policy 600-25.

Please contact your assigned Development Services Department Project Manager or the Department's Engineering Review Section reviewer if you have any questions regarding undergrounding requirements.

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